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The CASE *of the reverend* Mr. JOHN GOOLE, &c. *continued.*

ACcordingly on tueſday *June* 29, 1731. Mr. GOOLE ſet out for London, where he received Miſs HUDSON's tenth letter, dated *July* 3. 'Dear Sir, I am extreamly glad to hear you had ſuch a 'pleaſant journey, for I waited with a 'great deal of impatience for a line or 'two from you, but could not have an opportunity to 'receive it 'till this morning. Tho' the lady knows you 'are gone, yet, I believe, ſhe is apprehenſive you will 'write to me, and for that reaſon is very watchfull. — 'What you left for me on tueſday came ſafe to hand, 'and, were it poſſible, I would have put you out of pain 'long before this time, with that agreable account of 'my ſafe retreat; but I know you will be ſo good as 'to excuſe my forced neglect. —— I have had an opportunity to be meſſured for what you mentioned; and 'am promiſed, that they ſhall be ready in a fortnight or 'three weeks at fartheſt. —— I am as eaſy as 'tis poſſible for me to be, conſidering where I am, and *who's company is wanting* to make the time paſs away agreeably —— Pray don't ſuffer an anxious thought to diſcompoſe the quiet of your ſoul on the account of, *Dear Sir, your humble ſervant*, M. H.

Upon the receipt of this, Mr. GOOLE wrote an anſwer in London, and therein deſired of Miſs HUDSON, that he might have a letter from her as he returned home. In expectation of which, he called upon PENTICROSS at Eynſham in his return, who there delivered to him the following, dated *July* 8. 'My *deareſt Love*, It is with a great deal of reluctancy that 'I deny myſelf the ſatisfaction of converſing with you, 'after you have been abſent ſo long; but I intreat you 'not to come 'till friday next, and then, at the uſual 'time and place, I hope we ſhall be *ſo happy* as to ſee 'each other. Tho' I am of the opinion, that there is 'only a ſuſpition of our meeting; yet, for that reaſon, 'they will be very watchfull for an opportunity to confirm it. —— I think it will be proper for me to ſtay 'where I am, 'till I remove for good. I ould not give 'an occaſion, if poſſible, for the leaſt reflexion on my 'conduct, for you know that my honour is at ſtake, and 'my leaving my Mamma before we can be married, 'would be ground enough for the ill-natured part of the 'world to cenſure. —— I dare not *truſt myſelf* to write 'any longer, leaſt I ſhould contradict my firſt requeſt, 'and deſire you to *come ſooner* then would be conſiſtent 'with our ſafety. I am, *My dear Love, your affectionate ſpouſe*, M. HUDSON.

This letter was followed by another of *July* 13. 'My *deareſt Love*, There is no poſſibility of ſeeing you 'any more at the uſual place, for ſome body ſaw you 'come from the mill laſt time you was with me, and 'told my Mamma you was up all night with me, and 'ſhe now locks the door every night herſelf, and takes 'the key to bed with her, and makes her own door ſo 'faſt, that I can't open it without a great noiſe. She 'has charged me with ſeeing you at that time of night; 'but I denyed that I did: and ſhe don't believe me, but 'keeps ſo ſtrict a guard upon me, that I can ſcarce have 'time to write, and find it very difficult to deliver my 'letter to the meſſenger. —— O! my Dear, I will not 'wound your ſoul with what ſhe has ſayd to me; but 'its ſo much, that I would gladly have thanked any one 'that would have done me the kind office to put an 'end to that life, which will be the occaſion of ſo much 'trouble to you ********* after we are married '********** I have ſent you a 'meſſure for the aprons; and am extreamly obliged to 'the young lady for her kindneſs. May you have all 'the happineſs this world can afford, and I hope in the 'next to, which is the deſire of, *My deareſt Love, your affectionate ſpouſe*, M. H.'

The next letter which ſhe ſent him, being her thirteenth, was dated *July* 15; part of the contents of which here follow. 'My *deareſt Love*, It is a very great 'ſatisfaction to hear you grant my requeſt ſo readily, 'tho' I think it will be proper for you to keep where 'you uſed to be of a ſunday 'till we are married, leaſt, 'by removing before, it ſhould cauſe any ſuſpition. — 'I am tolerable eaſy at preſent, and hope to continue ſo 'till ſunday or monday ſen'night, and then I hope to 'have an opportunity one of them afternoons to come 'down to the mill, where I ſhall expect to find *my dearеſt Love*, and never part from him any more; for it 'will be impoſſible for me to get away in the morning, 'as we propoſed at firſt. So if I can be ſo happy as to 'give my Mamma the ſlip; I will leave the reſt to heaven and you. —— I have had a letter from Mr. TAYLOR, and he tells me, that it is confidently reported, 'at Woodſtoke, that I am to be married to you, and he 'longs to know the truth, for he can't believe I would 'do any ſuch thing without my Mamma's conſent: in 'anſwer to which, and to prevent his coming over, I 'intend to let him know there is nothing in it. —— 'I was at Oxford yeſterday with the old lady, at Sir 'JOHN BOYCE's, and ſhe has made a bargain for his ſon 'and me, and as ſoon as ever he can get a living for 'him, and he can get my conſent, 'tis to be a match. 'She hath been prodigious uneaſy ever ſince the talk of my 'being up with you all night, and is ſo angry with you, 'that ſhe will not come to church any more already, and 'if I marry you, ſhe will ſell the houſe, and live a hundred miles off, and never ſee nor hear of me any more. —— I have ſent your ſermon, and all your letters but 'one, leaſt ſhe ſhould ſearch in hopes of making a diſcovery of our intrigue. This being the laſt letter I 'ſhall write to you for the preſent, leaſt I ſhould be diſcovered. I think I have mentioned all that is needful, 'and I am ſure I have tired your patience, but you'll excuſe this treſpaſs in *Your moſt affectionate ſpouſe*, M. H.

Between the 15th and 18th of *July*, ſhe ſent this ſhort one without any date. 'My *Dear*, If I can't get 'an opportunity to come to the mill neither of them 'days I mentioned in my laſt, I have but one way more, 'and that is to get out of the cellar window. So if you 'will be ready at the garden-gate, under the filbeard-trees, a monday ſen'night, at one a clock, I hope I 'ſhall be ſo happy as to meet you there, M. H'.

On the 18th ſhe wrote the following. 'My *deareſt Love*, My Mamma told me, ſhe was not fully ſatisfied 'as to my age, ſo deſired Mr. WHITEHEAD to look in 'the regiſter, and to-day ſhe received a letter from him, 'wherein he informed her, I was baptized *Auguſt* the '2d, 1711. This account not agreeing with what you 'ſent me ſome time ſince, ſurprizes very much: for, I 'believe, there was no artifice on Mr. WHITEHEAD's 'ſide; however my Mamma is very well pleaſed I am 'no more than twenty, and I did not contradict her. 'I deſire, *my Dear*, you would employ ſomebody to look 'once more into this affair, for there muſt be a miſtake 'in one or the other; and be ſatisfied, I will perſue your 'laſt directions, if poſſible, as to the demanding of my 'fortune, tho' I am afraid I can't get Mrs BARTHOLOMEW to come; but I want to know, if her daughter, 'or one witneſs, will be ſufficient, and whether I can 'demand it under age. —— As to the time you deſired 'to know if I can get out on ſunday, it will be while 'you are at church in the morning, or elſe in the afternoon, or after evening-prayer. I can't ſet any time on 'monday; but the firſt opportunity that offers, I will 'make uſe of it. Should both my deſigns be fruſtrated, 'I hope I ſhall be able to put my other deſign in practice, and ſucceed: ſhould it rain very hard, then expect 'me the firſt fair day, and in caſe it ſhould be ſo dirty 'that I can't walk to the mill, then pray contrive ſome 'way to take me up at the town's-end. — Pray tell PENTICROSS that he muſt not come any more to the houſe, 'without a very good reaſon, for my Mamma thought 'it was a very frivolous arrant laſt time; but I will endeavour to receive your letters as uſual, if poſſible. —— 'Tho' I am deprived of that *happineſs* I enjoyed in your 'company, yet your letters, in a great meaſure, *releive and compoſe my mind*, even when it is diſturbed, and 'almoſt overpowered with grief; *what pleaſures and happineſs may I not expect from your converſation:* the tranquillity I ſhall then enjoy, will make amends for all the 'care and anxiety of the preſent time. I am, *my deareſt Love, your affectionate ſpouſe*, M. H.

On *July* 23, her ſixteenth letter was ſent, which run thus. 'My *Dear*, There has happened an accident 'which obliged me to confeſs my intention to marry 'you; at which, tho' my Mamma at firſt was averſe, 'yet upon further conſideration, and my informing of 'her I was of age, and could diſpoſe of myſelf without 'her agreeing to it; and added farther, that I had propoſed you, and you had laid out 150l. upon cloths for 'me, and that I could not, neither would I go back 'from my promiſe, I am aſſured ſhe will give her conſent. She deſired me not to marry you till my fortune 'was ſettled upon me; I aſſured her that it was your 'deſign ſo to do, not but I would take your word; but 'ſince ſhe deſired it, I would comply in that reſpect, as 'well as I have done hitherto in every thing elſe; and 'added further, that I thought judge BEESTON would 'be the propereſt perſon ſhe could employ in this affair, 'which I believe ſhe will to agree. You will hear from 'her very ſpeedily; and, in the mean time, I deſire you 'would not expect me, as we propoſed, for now every 'thing will be amicably made up, which I am ſure will 'be a very great ſatisfaction to you and *your affectionate 'ſpouſe*, M. H. I did not own I received any letters 'from you, but only meſſages'.

Mr. GOOLE went the next day about 4 in the afternoon, to Mrs. HALL's; who, tho' ſhe refuſed to let him ſee Miſs HUDSON, was in other reſpects pretty civil. But Miſs herſelf payed him all the compliments ſhe could out of her chamber window, and with the greateſt ſeeming complacency. —— On *ſunday* the 25th Miſs ſent for PENTICROSS, and delivered to him her laſt letter; which, being without date or ſubſcription, very ſhort, and in a ſtile ſo different from all the former, was in all probability dictated by her mother. 'Sir, I have al'moſt got her conſent, and dont queſtion but I ſhall 'fully in a little time, ſo I think it will be improper for 'you to come, as you deſigned; nor likewiſe to talk with 'her, 'till I find ſhe is a little cooler. You ſhall hear 'further another time'. —— When PENTICROSS received this from her, he delivered three letters to her from Mr. GOOLE, with this meſſage, 'My maſter ſends you 'his moſt humble reſpects, and deſires you to be ſoon 'eaſy, and all will be well'. To which ſhe immediately replied, 'Give my dear reſpects to my ſpouſe, bid him 'be eaſy, and I will be ſo'. She then told him, that 'ſhe ſhould go to Oxford on the morrow, and not return 'till *thurſday*; that ſhe ſhould want to ſpeak with him 'ſome time that day, but did not know at what time of 'the day ſhe ſhould come, and therefore deſired him to 'be at home all the whole day': which he was, but neither ſaw nor heard from her. She gave theſe orders to him not above an hour before Mr. BOYCE came to her.

That very day, being *July* 29, Miſs HUDSON was married in the pariſh church of Cowley to JOHN BOYCE, Eſq; by the rev. Mr. FIFIELD ALLEN of Chriſt-church Oxon. in preſence of the pariſh clerk of Cowley, and THOMAS TAYLOR, ſervant to Sir JOHN BOYCE, who in his livery gave her in marriage. Theſe were the only perſons deſigned to be preſent; but one WILKINS a carpenter, and one WASTY a farmer, happened accidentally to ſee the ceremony performed. The firſt news of this marriage Mr. GOOLE heard the next day at Burton; where a maid-ſervant of Sir JOHN BOYCE's told him it, with the utmoſt confuſion, and the moſt manifeſt ſigns of guilt. However he ſo fully depended upon Miſs HUDSON's faith and honour, that he could not believe it, and wrote a long letter to Mrs. HALL the 31ſt, conjuring her in the ſtrongeſt terms not to hinder his marriage with her daughter. His incredulity continued all the ſunday following, tho' Mrs. HALL had ordered the bells to ring for her daughter's marriage, to wellcome him at his coming to Eynſham. Nay, on the tueſday after, he would not believe Mr. ALLEN himſelf, 'till he had with ſome warmth aſſured him the fourth time, that he had married her.

JOHN BOYCE, Eſq; the ſon of Sir JOHN BOYCE, formerly mayor of Oxford, was at the time of his marriage under age. He had courted Miſs HUDSON ſome time in the year 1730; and by Mr. ALLEN's advice went after her to Bath. She told Mr. GOOLE, *June* 10, 1731, that ſhe had had nothing to ſay to him for above a twelvemonth. But Sir JOHN has ſworn, that his ſon did court her from the 1ſt day of *January* before *July* 24, 1731. And yet Mr. GOOLE affirms, that Mr. BOYCE himſelf ſayed, before Dr. BROOKE and Mr. WESLEY, that he had had nothing to ſay to her for 16 months before that time. —— Sir JOHN has ſworn, that Miſs HUDSON had given her conſent to marry his ſon, (as he believes) on or about the 14th or 15th of *July*; that he ſettled between 70 and 80l. *per ann.* upon them, and engag'd to lay out 600l. upon a parſonage for his ſon, within two years after the marriage; and that Mrs. HALL gave them between 70 and 80l. *per ann.* But it has been given out

by others, and particularly by Mrs. SCOTT, that Miſs HUDSON had not conſented 'till late on *July* 28.

Mr. ALLEN took out the licence, which was granted by Mr. LAMPREY, one of the ſurrogates of the chancellor of Oxford, upon his making oath of the conſent of the parents, and that he d d not know or believe, that there was any lawful let or impediment by reaſon of any precontract or otherwiſe. There was a bond for 100 l. prepared to be ſigned by Mr. ALLEN to Dr. BROOKE, in which Mr. BOYCE is made a ſurety, tho' under age, and to which Mr. LAMPREY was a witneſs: but it being thought moſt proper, that Sir JOHN BOYCE ſhould execute it, Mr. ALLEN's name was ſtruck out, and that of Sir JOHN inſerted: and the bond was afterwards executed by him, and delivered to Mr. ALLEN, as Sir JOHN himſelf has ſworn.

What kind of conſent Miſs HUDSON gave to this marriage, and by what methods ſhe was induced thereto, is yet a ſecret. Mrs. BARTHOLOMEW told Mr. GOOLE, that before the marriage ſhe was forced to ſign a paper, expreſſing, *That ſhe would uncompelled and voluntarily marry* Mr. BOYCE. This he underſtood ſhe had from Mrs. BOYCE's own mouth. —— It has been publickly reported, that the monday after the wedding, lady BOYCE went to viſit her at Barton, and finding her dull, ſay'd, 'What dull, my Dear? you ſhould be enjoying your-'ſelf'. To which ſhe replied, before Mr. BOYCE's face, 'Enjoying myſelf! Madam, I never expect a days en-'joyment while I live'. —— The widow JAMES of Eynſham, a woman of very good reputation, ſays, that ſoon after the marriage, Mrs. HALL came and diſcourſed with her about the fatigue ſhe had had with her daughter. Upon which ſhe ſay'd to her, Sure, Madam, You 'have a very obedient daughter, who could marry ano-'ther ſo ſoon after ſhe had gone ſo far with Mr. GOOLE' To which Mrs. HALL replied, 'I was too haſty; but to 'tell you the truth, neighbour, ſhe could not help it, 'for we forced her'. —— To Mrs. BARTHOLOMEW, who took Mrs. BOYCE to task for having uſed Mr. GOOLE ſo ill, ſhe made no other excuſe, than this; 'It was 'done, and could not be holpen'.

As ſoon as Mr. ALLEN had convinced Mr. GOOLE, that he had really married Miſs HUDSON to Mr. BOYCE, he ſhewed him every one of her letters, and almoſt all the things he had bought for her; bidding him tell Sir JOHN of all. This he did, that the knight might have payed him what he had been out of pocket on her account; with which he would then have been well contented. But no ſteps being taken to give him any ſatisfaction, on *Sept.* 15. Mr. and Mrs. BOYCE were ſerved with a copy of a writ in Mr. GOOLE's name; at which time Mrs. HALL was out of order, and therefore not acquainted with it. On the ſaturday following ſhe was diſordered in her ſenſes, ran to Caſſington, a mile from Eynſham, where ſhe ſpake many things in Mr. GOOLE's praiſe, and would not endure any one to ſpeak ill of him. She was, as ſoon as could be, brought back to Eynſham, and deſired to ſee Mr. GOOLE, declaring 'ſhe would not 'go to bed 'till ſhe had ſeen him'. Upon this Mrs. BARTHOLOMEW deſired Mrs. SCOTT to ſend for him; who, for what reaſons ſhe knows beſt, would not ſuffer it. During her illneſs, Mrs. HALL frequently ſayed, 'Mr. GOOLE 'is a man of honour; I have wronged Mr. GOOLE, &c'. A phyſician was ſent for, and ſhe was let blood, but not bliſtered. On monday morning nurſes were brought from Oxford, who immediately bound her in her bed. On tueſday or wedneſday morning another phyſician was ſent for, who complained of binding her, and forthwith ordered her to be let looſe; but then it was too late, and ſoon after ſhe died. Sir JOHN himſelf ſwore, that ſhe died raving mad.

About the middle of *October*, the rev. Mr. SNELL, vicar of Bampton, came directly from Sir JOHN, to intercede with Mr. GOOLE, on the behalf of Mr. BOYCE. And on the 20th, Mr. GOOLE, not having fully enquired into the nature of the contract, wrote a letter to Mr. SNELL, propoſing, that if 300 guineas were pay'd him, he would give Miſs HUDSON a releaſe; which propoſal he then thought lawful for him to make. But after he had ſeen the opinion of council, he then thought it his duty to bring this matter before a proper court, in order to have a judicial determination of the validity of the contract. Soon after the propoſal, 200 *l.* and 61. 16 s. 2 d for coſts, were payed to Mr. GOOLE's attorney, to diſcharge only the action brought againſt Mr. BOYCE, &c. *Sept.* 15.

About the middle of *December*, Mr. GOOLE waited upon the worſhipful Dr. HEN. BROOKE; who, upon hearing the ſtate of his caſe, told him, that he thought he could not give Mrs. BOYCE a releaſe. —— Soon after, Mr. BOYCE, being informed of this, waited likewiſe upon the Doctor, and offered him a fee, which he refuſed, and ſayed, 'I have taken no fee of Mr. GOOLE, nei-'ther will I of you; I do not like your caſe, and have 'told Mr. GOOLE, and now tell you, that I am of opi-'nion he has it not in his power to give Miſs HUDSON 'ſuch a releaſe as will make her marriage with you legal 'and valid: but the caſe is nice, and I would have neither of you depend upon my opinion only, and therefore I adviſe you to get the opinion of Dr. HENCHMAN and Dr. STRAHAN, and if they diſagree with me, 'I will give up my own opinion'. And then he dictated to Mr. BOYCE the following ſtate and queries. 'A 'B. ſingle woman, aged 19 and upwards, without conſent of friends, enters into an abſolute contract *de præſenti* [of the preſent time] of marriage with C. D. 'After ſuch contract A. B. *de facto* [actually] marries 'E. F. — 1. Q. Is it in the power of C. D. to give 'A. B. ſuch a releaſe, as will make her marriage with E. 'F. legal and valid? —— 2. Q. If ſuch a releaſe may 'by law be given by C. D. would it not be proper for 'A. B. and E. F. to ſolemnize matrimony again'?

This ſtate and queries Mr. BOYCE wrote in the preſence of Dr. BROOKE, in the beginning of January 1731-2, and ſent them to Doctors-Commons by a friend; who on or about the 13th of the ſame month, brought back the opinions of Dr. STRAHAN and Dr. PAUL, Dr. HENCHMAN being then out of town. The opinion of the former run in theſe words. 1. 'A con-'tract *de præſenti* is a real marriage, and only wants the 'outward form and ceremony: and it is not in the pow-'er of the contracting parties to releaſe one another from 'ſuch contract. I don't think the wôman's being a mi-'nor, and her entring into this contract without conſent 'of friends, will much vary the caſe. For ſhe was of 'ſufficient age to contract matrimony; and, altho' ſhe 'ought not to have entered into ſuch a contract, without 'the conſent of her parents or guardians, yet the want 'of ſuch conſent does not deſtroy the contract, no more 'than it would deſtroy a marriage ſolemnized in the face 'of the church. 2. As no ſuch releaſe can by law be 'given by C. D. it would be to no purpoſe for A. B. 'and E. F. to ſolemnize matrimony over again. For 'the contract, which cannot be releaſed, remains ſtill a 'bar to any ſubſequent marriage'. —— Dr. PAUL expreſſed himſelf thus, 'By the Canon-law, as it is receiv-'ed in England, and become part of the laws of the realm, 'a contract in words of the preſent time, ſeriouſly and 'ſolemnly made, is, in truth and ſubſtance, matrimony 'indiſſoluble. It has been the general opinion of learned 'divines and lawyers, that, *tho' there ſhould be no 'evidence, according to the rules of the law, of ſuch 'ſponſals*, the parties having really, tho' ſecretly, 'contracted themſelves, yet they are thereby become ſo 'far man and wife before God, that neither can, with 'a ſafe and good conſcience, marry elſewhere, ſo long 'as the other party liveth. Upon the whole caſe there-'fore, I am of opinion, that A B. aged 19, by entring 'into an abſolute contract of the preſent time with C. 'D. may be compelled, by eccleſiaſtical cenſures, to ſo-'lemnize a marriage with him in the face of the church; 'and that the marriage with E. F. will (upon proper 'proofs of the above-ſtated contract) be adjudged null 'and void in law'.

Theſe opinions were obtained at the ſole expence of Mr. BOYCE, who communicated them to Mr. GOOLE at Dr. BROOKE's chamber on the 15th; which as ſoon as Mr. GOOLE had ſeen, he applied to the Doctor, before Mr. BOYCE, for letters of requeſt to begin his cauſe in the Arches, and they paſſed the ſeal of his office that very night. Accordingly Mr. GOOLE exhibited a *Libel* conſiſting of 21 articles, the truth of the facts alleged in every one of which Mrs. BOYCE acknowledged: but, in anſwer to the 11th, which contained an account of the ſolemn manner of their contracting themſelves to each other by the office of the church, ſhe denied, 'That by 'what paſſed ſhe then intended to marry him, or en-'gage herſelf to him, but apprehended the ſame to be '*in jeſt*; for that he had before that time told her, that 'he could not marry her 'till ſhe was of age, and that 'whatever ſhe wrote or ſaid to him whilſt ſhe was un-'der age would ſignify nothing, or to that effect'. —— That he told her the former, Mr. GOOLE owns; but abſolutely denies, that he told her the latter. And makes this juſt obſervation upon this plea of hers, 'That her 'endeavouring to make him believe, that ſhe was moſt 'ſeriouſly *in earneſt* in all that ſhe ſaid, did, and wrote, 'if ſhe was not really ſo, betrays ſuch an inexcuſable 'falſeneſs, unparallelled baſeneſs, and abandoned perfidi-'ouſneſs, as none but the vileſt and moſt abject creatures 'upon earth can be guilty of; and which even they, 'till convicted, will not own; and then generally not 'without ſhame and confuſion, and the univerſal abhor-'rence of all perſons of probity, or honour, or even 'common honeſty'.

After this cauſe had been kept a proper time in the Arches, it was determined in the following manner.— 'That there was no room to ſuſpect any colluſion be-'tween Miſs HUDSON, or Mr. BOYCE, and Mr. GOOLE; 'That Miſs HUDSON's *Letters* were wrote before her 'marriage; That Mr. GOOLE was not to blame, for ſhe 'would have it ſo; That had ſhe not been married, the 'caſe would have been otherwiſe; That there was no-'thing in difference of age or fortune; and That a *Con-'tract of the preſent time* is indiſſoluble'. —— But then, 'That the *Contract* was a ſecret one; That the law was 'unfavourable to ſecret contracts; That by the 105 ca-'non, the ſole confeſſion of parties is not ſufficient to ſet 'aſide a ſecond marriage; That Mr. GOOLE had prayed 'his ſuppletory oath; That Miſs HUDSON had not made 'a *full* confeſſion of the contract; That if ſhe had, the 'proof which the law requires to be ſufficient, would 'not have been ſo, 'tho' he had been allowed his ſup-'pletory oath, becauſe it would have reſted *ſolely* upon 'the confeſſion of the parties; That he did not deſign 'to marry her 'till ſhe ſhould be of age; that neither 'of them knew *the ſtrength of their* Contract *in law*, 'when they entered into it: and THEREFORE LET 'MR. BOYCE BE PUT TO NO FURTHER TROUBLE.

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C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
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D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *White-hall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Oct.* 3. On tueſday a board of admiralty appointed the rev M. Wintle to be chaplain of his majeſty's ſhip the Louiſa. *P. DA.* —— Mr. Winter. *DJ.* —— Mr. Wentworth. *DP.*

His grace the duke of Montagu has preſented the rev. Mr. Scriven to the rectory of Church-Lowſot in Warwickſhire, worth 150 l. *per ann. DP.*

Married, laſt week, Hill Dawe of Ditchet in Somerſetſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Moore, a very agreeable young lady, with fine accompliſhments, and a fortune of above 5000 l. —— On thurſday Velters Cornwall, Eſq; to Miſs Bray, a very able young lady of a good family and great fortune. *LE.* —— Mr. Conundrum *ſays this is a* not-able *variation of the uſual ſtile on theſe occaſions.*

Yeſterday Will. Howard, Rob. Coulſon, Tho. Macguire, Mary Haycock, Eliz. and Kath. Tracey, were executed at Tyburn: the 3 latter were drawn in a ſledge, and burnt at a ſtake. *C. P. DJ.*

Died on tueſday in Old Fiſh ſtreet, the lady Beck, relict of Sir Juſtus, the firſt baronet created by his late majeſty. *DP.* —— Yeſterday Mr. Powell, an eminent merchant in the Old Jury, dropped down dead ſuddenly in S. James's park. *C.* —— A linnen-draper. *DA.* —— Mr. Hammond Briall. *DP.*

FRIDAY, *Oct.* 4. We hear their majeſties have declared their intention of removing from Kenſington to St. James's on monday the 28th inſtant. *DJ.*

Yeſterday arriv'd the baron Barbburgh; and we hear, that he has it in commiſſion to propoſe a marriage between prince Frederick of Heſſe Caſſel, the preſumptive heir to the king of Sweden's dominions in Germany, and her royal highneſs the princeſs Caroline. *C.* —— Yeſterday Mr. Beaumont, lately arriv'd from Saxony, had a private audience of his majeſty, we hear he is charg'd with a commiſſion of great importance. *DP.* — *He would ſcarce have come with one* of little importance.

On wedneſday evening a fire broke out at the houſe of Mr. Fowler, a broom-merchant in Kent-ſtreet, Southwark, which deſtroyed that houſe and two others. *C.*— That houſe with ſix others. *P. DJ.* — His houſe, all his work-houſes, and three houſes in the front of the ſtreet. *DA.*

The Indian king, &c. are to embark on tueſday next on their return home by way of Amſterdam. *DP.* —— They do not embark 'till next week. *DA. Oct.* 7.

Married, a few days ago, Mr. John Knight, in St. James's church, to Miſs Lawrence of Tottenham Highcroſs, a beautiful young gentlewoman of 10,000 l. fortune. *DP.*

Yeſterday morning Mr. Wilks, formerly an eminent oilman in Bloomsbury, dropt down dead ſuddenly in a field as he was going to Hampſtead. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *Oct.* 5. We hear that Sir John Norris's ſquadron will keep their ſtation at Spithead 'till the middle of November, and then be laid up for 3 months. *DJ.*

This week the ſtatue of king de Hemme, in lead, and the figures of 40 kings heads, whom he had killed, were

ſhipped off for Africa. *DJ.*

On thurſday the coroner's jury finiſhed their enquiry in relation to the death of the drawer, ſaid to have been thrown out of a tavern window 2 ſtories high, and brought in their verdict *lunacy*. *P. DJ.*

Married on monday at Chiſwick, Ant. Lancelot, Eſq; to Miſs Joyce Gower. *P.* —— On thurſday Tho. Carleton, Eſq; to Miſs Prudence Vane, an agreeable young lady, and a fortune of 20,000 l. *C. DP. DA.* — 15,000 l *DJ.*

Died on thurſday at Heaton near Manchester, the lady Egerton, relict of Sir Holland, who married to her ſecond husband John Brooke, Eſq; *LE.*

Laſt night died at his lodgings in Long-acre Mr. Dan. French, an eminent merchant of this city, who had the misfortune to be flung from his horſe on ſaturday laſt on Hampſtead-heath, and not having left any will, having no relation of his name, his eſtate deſcends to the king, which is about 2500 l. per ann. *C.* — *I ſuppoſe this paragraph came from the ſame* collector, *who ſent* the catalogue of the things taken by the Imperialiſts *to the* DP. *and* DJ. *laſt week.*

MONDAY, *Oct.* 7. *Whitehall, Oct.* 5. His majeſty has been pleaſed to grant his congé d' elire to the dean and chapter of Salisbury, for electing the right rev. father in God Dr. Tho. Sherlock, lord biſhop of Bangor, to the ſee of Salisbury, *C.* &c.

This day fortnight is fixed for the departure of the princeſs of Orange for Holland. *DP.*

Yeſterday his excellency the baron de Loſs, ambaſſador extraordinary from king Auguſtus, gave a grand entertainment at his houſe in Jermyn-ſtreet, in honour of his majeſty's birth-day, *C. P.* —— Who entered into the 39th year of his age. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the Indian king, &c. were at St. Andrew's church, where the Micho's nephew was very attentive to the prayers, having his book before him, and every part of the ſervice ſhewn to him; he repeated the Lord's prayer and belief after the miniſter, and was greatly pleaſed with being at church, ſaying he would go to church at Georgia, when he got home, to hear Mr. Quincy. *DA.*

On thurſday at Newmarket the king's plate of 100 guineas was won by Capt. Appleyard's horſe. ——— The earl of Portmore's *Colt* beat the duke of Bolton's *Cheſnut Filly*; and the duke of Bridgewater's *Gray Colt* beat the duke of Devonſhire's *Bay Colt*, each for 200 guineas. — On friday the earl of Portmore's *Cheſnut Colt* beat Sir Rob. Fagg's *Mare* for 200 guineas. — On ſaturday Sir Mich. Newton's *Gray Filly* beat the duke of Bridgewater's *Bay Filly* for 300 guineas. *P. DP.*

TUESDAY, *Oct.* 8. Her royal highneſs the princeſs of Orange will embark at Dover for Calais, and goes through part of France on her return to Frieſland, *DP.*

The Indian prince, nephew to king Tomo Chachi, has preſented the duke with a white bear and an eagle, which has been accepted of by his royal highneſs. *DP.*

His majeſty has been pleaſed to remit the picquetting of the four life-guardmen of the earl of Albermarle's troop, for inſulting Col. Fuller. *DP.* ——— Part of the ſentence on one of them. *C.* —— Piquetting, *according to my brother* BAILEY, is ſtanding on the point of a ſtake with one toe, having the contrary hand ty'd up as high as it can reach.

Saturday night, between 8 and 9, a ſharper obſerving a gentlewoman buy ſome fine laces in a ſhop on Ludgate-hill, and afterwards to paſs under Ludgate in a coach, ſtept up to the coach door, and preſenting a piſtol, demanded the box of lace, which ſhe inſtantly gave him, and he made off with it, notwithſtanding he was cloſely purſued. *DA.*

On wedneſday a journeyman Blackſmith murdered his wife at his lodgings in Church-ſtreet, S. Giles's, by ſtrangling her with a handkerchief, and the deceaſed lay in the room undiſcovered, till the ſaturday following, when the neighbours not ſeeing her abroad as uſual, broke the door open, and there found her lying on the floor He has made his eſcape. *DJ.*

Died on friday, at Stepney-Cauſey, Dr. Blundel, formerly an eminent practitioner in phyſick. *P.*—Blondel, an eminent phyſician. *DP. DJ.* —— *Theſe characters are very different.* ——— Member of the college of phyſicians. *DA.* —— In St. Mary Overs Church-yard, Dr. Syms. *DP.* — On ſaturday, S. Mary Overy's. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Oct.* 9. Laſt week his majeſty was pleaſed to appoint the earl of Crawford to be colonel of a company in the 3d regiment of foot-guards; and Capt. Carpenter to be captain-lieutenant in the 1ſt regiment. *DP.*

We hear his excellency the count de Montijo, will ſoon ſet out hence for Paris; and that Don Tho. Fitzgerald, agent for the Aſſiento contract, will be named his catholick majeſty's miniſter in his ſtead. *DP.*

Yeſterday the penſions of ſuch of the ſea-officers widows as are entitled to them, according to the late regulations, were begun to be paid at the Pay-office in Broad-ſtreet. *DJ.*

We hear there will be a lottery next parliament to raiſe 500,000 l. to compleat Greenwich Hoſpital. *DJ.*

We hear that Mr. Ward does not, nor ever will truſt his remedy to any perſon whatever to ſell, yet many pretend to ſell it both in town and country, ſo that much harm may be done by ſome, in order to give it an ill reputation, and by others for the ſake of a little profit.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

The XIVth ODE of ANACREON.

Upon LOVE.

Rebel I ſhall not be ſtill;
Love at laſt I will, I will.
Once the godhead gently ſtrove,
To perſuade my ſoul to love:
But perverſe and ſenſeleſs I,
With his will would not comply.
Strait his ivory bow he took,
(Full his golden quiver ſhook)
And to combat me defy'd.
Clad in mail, with martial ſtride,
Like ACHILLES, I advance,
Arm'd with buckler, and with lance,
All my force reſolv'd to prove,
'Gainſt the mighty God of love.
He let fly his ſhafts. —— I run.
When his arrows all were done;
Vex'd, that I unwounded flew,
Like a dart himſelf he threw:
In my heart ſunk deep he lay,
Melting all my ſtrength away.
Vainly now the ſhield I bear,
Vainly brandiſh high the ſpear,
Guard with outward arms my skin,
Since the combat's all within. D. D.

Since our laſt, we have received a Latin *Epigram, Ad Philomuſum Lucretianum*, and a Copy of *Verſes on the ſudden death of Mr. Mr imer Powell.*

By brother *Henley*, who ſo much has bounc'd
Of audience large of late, will be pronounc'd
To-morrow an Oration, 'fore *Tom Chachi*
The Indian king, and beauteous queen *Senawki*,
Together with prince *John Tooanokowi*;
(Take notice 'tis the laſt time we ſhall ſhow ye.)
His *Pater-noſter*, not in Heathen Greek,
But in their native language he will ſpeak. *DP. DJ.* 9.

Poſſqui ſutiſan laigaſchqui chinſutifatuque jumatuca chinjibatuque icanam viuca viugai quinomen puſumpai jatcantina pumaiaqui puinnafijſhcati pumguaicachaqui puchjna atirguachiaquinomen.

Strange as the tongue's the ſight: come, friends, therefore,
The price is but one ſhilling, and no more.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Oct.* 3. ——— *Rome, Sept.* 18. The chevalier de St. George ſet out laſt monday for Albano, where his ſon the young chevalier arrived from Naples the day before. *DP.*

FRIDAY, *Oct.* 4. ——— *Paris, Oct* 9. In the battle of Guaſtalla, we had but 1900 men killed, and about 2624 wounded; the enemy had 2000 men killed, and 6800 wounded. *C. DA.*

SATURDAY, *Oct.* 5. Two days before the late engagement aa Guaſtalla, the Imperialiſts cauſed a body of ſome 1000 men to advance up the Oglio, to oblige the Allies to divide their forces: this detachment made ſuch firing on the 18th, that the French generals thought it neceſſary to ſend 3 regiments thither, and theſe giving it out that they were a much more conſiderable body, the Imperialiſts thought their ſcheme had ſucceeded, and attack'd the army the next day; but the counter device of the allied generals, drew count Konigſegg into his own ſnare. *DA.*

MONDAY, *Oct* 7. —— *Heidelberg, Sept.* 29. By a 3d courier from Italy, we are told, that neither of the two armies could ſay they had gained the field of battle; that at leaſt 8000 of the Allies, and between 5 and 6000 Germans were killed. *C.* —— *Paris, Oct* 4. Our letters from Italy generally agree, that we loſt one 3d part more men than the Imperialiſts. *P.*

Dreſden, Oct. 2. The 21ſt of laſt month a woman was delivered of 4 ſons at the village of Koten, and they were baptized and named Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. *P.* —— Kohren. *DP.*

TUESDAY, *Oct.* 8. —— *Paris, Oct.* 13. The town of Melazzo and caſtle of Girgenti in Sicily, ſurrender'd the 16th. —— The Imperialiſts are now in the ſame condition they were laſt ſpring, excepting that they have no proviſions, have loſt 25 or 30,000 men, and have but 4 generals left to command them. —— The king has remitted 400,000 livres to Italy, to be divided among the ſubalterns and ſoldiers. *P. DP. DJ. DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Oct.* 9. —— *Mantua, Sept.* 29. Count Konigſegg paſſed the Po the 26th, on two bridges near Borgoforte, and encamped at the Seraglio. The army of the Allies has likewiſe paſſed the Po at Guaſtalla. *P. DP. DJ.*

Rome, Sept 25. Syracuſa has ſurrendered to the Spaniards. *DP.*

Letters from Rome ſay, that they had received ſome advices from Italy, [*my Brother takes* Rome *not to be in* Italy] intimating that the young king had conſtituted the young chevalier de St. George grand admiral of his kingdoms, with an appointment of 6000 piſtols *per ann.* but that thoſe accounts gain'd but little credit there. *DP.*

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